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In re Application of:

I. Lawrence GREENFIELD

Serial No.: 09/724,613

Group Art Unit: 1637 TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Filed: November 28, 2000

Examiner: J. Riley

For: COMPOSITIONS, METHODS AND
KITS FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC
ACIDS USING SURFACTANTS
AND PROTEASES

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

Applicant now responds to the Office Action dated May 31, 2002. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-25. Applicant has added no new claims. Claims 1-25 are pending and under consideration.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner rejects claims 1-16 and 20-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,242,188 to Dattagupta et al., ("Dattagupta"). Office Action at pages 2 to 6, Item No. 3.

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